FIGHTING THEM OVER.

What Our Veterans Have to Say About Their Old Campaigns.

HOW THEY FOUGHT.

Enslibeck's Brigade at Cloncellorsville,

humblest of his old companious-in arms.

at him, without stopping to ask what he has in my ranks."

ments of any of the heroes of the war.

in check by a few hundred. Devens's Divis- | be - if he would the whole brigade, been sent to his support. Now that the wital | rades, seeing I looked pale, asked me what the moment had come, Steinwehr had only his matter was. I told him how I felt, and told Bushbeck, to interpose as a barrier to the ex- think about he I did.

or east side of this miniature breastwork, fac- no doubt but I would have turned inside out. ing west, and there they staid outil, as one

the papers of the time.

hurg, page 20.)

"Bushbeck's Brigade did wonders here, holding in cleek the whole impetuous onset of the wheney for an hour or more, which gave me an opportunity to bring my reserves into position," | Sec Gen. Hooker's "Chancellorsville Revisited," published in "Battles and Leaders," Vol. II, page 221.)

Could any higher praise have been given? And yet, after more than a quarter of a century, comparatively few remember the herogive you this flag as a token of my affection, controversy concerning Rice's Brigade. knowing from your past actions that you will mover see it trailed in the dust."

and valleys of rugged Cattaraugus were not command of the Colonel of the 72d Pa." the valley in front of Fairview.

On page 60 of the "Cannoneer," Comrade at the intersection of the Brock and Plank Buell, in alluding to the checking of Jackson's | roads," Maj. Bard accordingly withdrew. advance, says: "After Pleasonton and Sickles On our way we picked up a good many men ment is misleading. It implies that the whole so that when we reached the crossroads, about to some Western regiment—Third Division,

about time that the cry which was started and following night marched to Spottsylvania. featured to cover the deficiencies of generalship | This is all there is of the matter. I have not granted at least the honor they so justly own observation. maroud?

to rest in the contentment which comes with the crossroads, May 6, 1861, than they had with Cav.; Mounted Riflemen, the 3d Cav.; the 1st be attacked "by a rapid movement," at not less the consciousness of having done one's duty; the battle of Waterloo. The "honor" has been Cav. was made the 4th Cav., and the 2d Cav. than 20,000, and how they could expect to ac-

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EAST TENNESSEE.

Stealing Hams and Getting Sick on Bad Flour. EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: I see in a

Comrade Buell was too good a soldier and is rate, we that were back a little most all got to work cutting down heavy timber and throw- early. I allude to his statements regarding the Louisville Legion-and they were a host I can we were disgusted. rade was not engaged in that battle, and there- get one of the finest hams. They always did fore does not pretend to give a description of get the best in a charge, and there was nothing no part of that organization made any resist. | the Colonel of his regiment rode up to him and ance or proved by their conduct in that trying | asked him where he belonged. He answered, ordeal that they were worthy to be called "To the Legion." "Well," said the Colonel,

I beg leave to say that there was one brigade for we had rather a good reputation as a regi- would lead an advance as Halleck did on Cor- Bragg was severe on drunkards, and had no of the flieventh Corps that did make a stand, ment that would not rob anything (after the inth? Anything that he did not do would patience with any of them. He had them tied and held its position for an hour in a manner which all the general officers cognizant of its could not carry, and of course we rather reaction declared was the name of soldierly con- sented this and reported to "Old Bricktop," as sulted more disastrously. A direct attack would with ball-and-chain thrown in for ornamental dust, and worthy to stand beside the achieve- we used to call Maj. Stafford (who commanded | have been welcomed by the whole army, and | purposes I suppose. There was nothing he When Jackson's famous attack commenced Col. Berry, of the Legion, had said. Did you Beaureguard, With a proper use of the gallant Barracks, in the Summer of 1853, Bragg had a on that memorable evening in early May, 1863. ask if he swore? You can call it swore if you cavalry attached to our army, a capture could "shower-bath" constructed by leading the the First Division of the Eleventh Corps, com- want to, but he naturally furned, and some of have been effected of his whole command, to- water from a cold spring into a purforated manded by Gen. Devens, and the Third Divis- | the boys said they actually smelled sulphur, | gether with the supplies accumulated at Corion, commanded by Gen. Carl Schurz, were, but I think it was the meat, that probably had inth, through the gross carelessness of someone high saltpeter in it. Anyway, he was not long in The effect of this would have been to place swim in the river once a week, as a sanitary in authority, completely surprised. It is true finding this 5th Ky, man who had joined us, our army where it was on Oct. 3 and 4, 1862. one regiment—the 26th Wis.—of the Second and he asked him what he was doing there, and without campaigning all Summer, and fighting drunk were taken under that hogshead and Brigade, Third Division, changed front to meet the poor fellow told him what the Colonel of the disastrous battles of luka, Jacinto, and kept there till they were sober, which never the advance of the enemy, but the rush of the 5th Ky, had done. This only made Maj. Holly Springs, and later the two days' fight at Rodes's veterant (supported by Colsten's tried | Stafford hotter, and caused him to use different | Corinth, Oct. 3 and 4. division, and they in turn having the division language from what our Sunday-school teacher To what can be attributed Halleck's want of Guard the hard and disagreeable work of tying of the redoubtable A. P. Hill at their back, does, and gave him to understand that he ability to command an army? His West Point and bucking and gagging the delinquents. about 22,000 men in all) could not long be held | would father what the 1st Ohio did, but he | training, that he had become too old to throw

broken by the mad rush of the First Division - made from sick-wheat flour on that march to an enemy in the field, and the only successful staff. The former was then First Lieutenant wagons, caisaons, ambalances, batteries, and flee- Knoxville? I did, and I don't think I was West Pointers were such men as Grant, Sher- and Adjutant, the latter Captain and Quartering soldiers rushing to the rear. So impotuous much worse scared during my army life than I man, Sheridan and McPherson, who at once master. Hancock was a splendid-looking officer, and overwhelming was the charge of Stone wall's was a few days after the shove incident oc- discarded all they had learned at the Academy | both on foot or horseback. There was magnetvolling demons, that the Third Division was curred. I had foraged some flour and sorgum except the drill, and started out to gain experi- ism about him, and you couldn't help but like forced to join in the stampede. But half a mile | molasses, intending to have some flap-jacks, | ence anew. It is a "condition and not a theory " | and admire him, as he was the beau ideal of a farther east, at Dowdall's, which was Howard's headquarters, Steinwehr's Second Division had been posted across the Plank Road, with the First Brigade on the south side of and the Sec. | ing with a breakfast fit for a King, and we did | school will save him. He will become a disond Brigade on the north side of said road. It justice, too. Breakfast over, assembly was mal failure, as did Halleck.-H. M. KENDER-But during the afternoon, when Sickles was sounded, and we were out on the road again | DINE, Major, 17th Iowa, Carthage Mo. hofly engaged with Jackson's rear-guard, near | making haste for Knoxville. We had gone but the Furnace, he asked for help, and Barlow's a mile or so when I began to get sick and Second Brigado, of Steinwehr's Division, had fainty, but said nothing until one of my com-

First Brigade, commanded by Col. Adolph him I believed I was poisoned, he seeming to nitant legions that were now coming on flushed Well, I kept getting sicker and sicker until with victory. Luckily the stream of fleeing | finally I told my Captain I would be obliged to men and animule kept to the north of the fall out of ranks, as I was very sick. I made Plank Road, leaving Bushbeck free to form his | for the fence and had just time to reach it when I commenced to vomit, and it seemed to me Just east of the Downall House a light rifle- that it had gone clear back to 1861 and was | riotic record surpassing any yet given, will be pit had been thrown up, facing east. The hunting up my first army rations in order that brigade, consisting of the 27th and 73d Pa. and | it might get a chance to clean me out, and if 26th and 154th N. Y., was formed on the out | it had not been that my feet were so big I have

The Doctor, riding in rear of the regiment, writer said, "It would have been madness to came up to where I was and asked me what in thunder I was doing. I told him what I had Here amid the chaos and confusion of a been doing and what I had been eating. He flying corps one brigade stood its ground and | had to laugh at me, and I told him I could not performed its duty manfully. To Bushbeck's see where the laugh come in. I wanted him ever hoisted; suffered in all the prison-pens Brigade alone belongs the credit of saving the to do something for me, or I would die right on this planet; have stood on both sides of U.S. Art. They were all First Lieutenants artiflery and trains of the corps." I quote from | there and then, but he told me there was no "Bushheek held a weak intrenched line it would be likely to happen to me again. I and on board of every craft engaged. The Lieut. A. Long, of Maj. Hunt's battery. He perpendicular to the Plank Boad for three- told him I thought not, for I never could get quarters of an hour, with artillery on his right, enough rations ahead to cause such an overflow | dox as could be desired, but it is history. In losing one-third his force." (See Gen. Double- again. With the exception of feeling weak and the war for the Union we followed both the day's History of Chancellorsville and Gettys- sore I never felt any bad effect. - Chas. Banks. Co. H, 1st Ohio, Silver Lake, Kan.

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IN THE WILDERNESS.

The Battle at the Brock and Plank Roads,

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: Concerning the battle in the Wilderness on the 6th of May. ism, the devotion to duty, of that brigade, to | 1864, I can give no information as to the part whom Gen. Genry afterward said, at Golds- taken by the brigades of Leasure and Carroll, boro, N. C.: "My good old Second Brigade, I but I can perhaps throw a little light on the

Gen. Wadsworth was killed about 10 a. m. in an attack on the enemy's works on the Plank There is no question but what Jackson's road, about a mile west of the Brock road. clarge would have ended right there at Dow- The entire command was thrown into confusdell's Tavern if Bushbeck's flanks could have | ion, the Second Corps thrown back, and a porbeen protected; but there was no available | tion of the Ninth Corps compelled to retire, force in supporting distance, and finally, after | Owing to the nature of the ground and the Dilger's two guns of Battery I, 1st Ohio, which | dense thicket in which the action occurred, it had stopped on the right to help out the gallant | was impossible to preserve lines. I had gotten doughboys, who they saw standing up to the | together a few men of the brigade, which force work like Napoleon's old guard at Waterloo. Gen. Owens assigned to part of a line be was Dilger's boys were good ones, and gave the establishing. Not decining it proper to remain Johnnies medicine they did not like; but, hav- there, I withdrew the men to another position, ing no support on their right, were compelled | where I found the fragments of three regito retreat or be captured. This left Bushbeck's | ments. Maj. Bard, of the 95th N. Y., being right uncovered, and the 29th N. Y. and 27th | the ranking officer, I suggested to him to take Pa. fell back to the edge of the timber, about | command until I could find Gen. Hofmann and the rest of the brigade. At the same time About this time a brigade of the enemy ap- Gen. Owens, accompanied by the Colonel of peared on the left flank. Two companies of the 72d Pa., came along and spoke to me very his koapsack, that had been torn by a shell the 154th N. Y. were faced south to meet this | sharply about leaving the position to which he force, and one wing of the 73d Pa. were faced | had assigned my "regiment." I told him I north to protect the right, and still those two | had no regiment. To this he replied that these regiments held on. Those boys from the hills | troops "would remain in this line under the

to be dislodged without a struggle. Col. P. H. I was not willing that any portion of our Jones, of the 154th, was severely wounded, brigade should be detailed for duty by an offiand Adj't Samuel C. Noyes and many others | cer of the Second Corps, and started in search were killed. The order was given to retreat of Gen. Hofmann, I had gone but a short disseveral times before the boys would let go, | tance when I saw Col. McClure, of Gen. Warbecause the enemy was held firmly in front; | ren's staff, to whom I related all that had but at last, when almost surrounded and all occurred. He replied, "You are not under hope of support failed, the men who had de- Gen. Owens," and instructed me to wait a fended the position so gallantly, sullenly retired short time. He soon returned and said, "Tel to the timber before mentioned, and finally to Maj. Bard it is Gen. Warren's order that he report with his detachment to Col. Hofmann,

of the Eleventh Corps had been swept from the 1 or 1:39 o'clock p. m., we made a very re- Fifth Corps; was a large man with sandy beard, field. Such was not the case. Bushbeck's speciable addition to the brigade, much to and had his left shoulder carried away by a Brigade stood in the front line of battle just Gen. Hofmann's delight, who thought we were shell. Our troops were falling back and the south of the Plank Road, and assisted in the captured. We lay immediately in rear of the ground was soon in posfinal repaise, being relieved from that position, works north of the Orange and Fredericksby troops of the Third Corps about midnight. burg Plank road (commonly known as the I was passing the body, Gen. Sickles, personally, had nothing to do with | Orange Plank road) until about 4 o'clock p. and seeing the torn the repulse of Jackson, because he was not near | m., when the enemy made an attack on the | knapsack and letters enough to the point of attack to aid in the line. The left of the Second Corps was not far defense. When the attack commenced Gen. south of the Plank road. When the enemy Sinkles, with two divisions of his own corps charged the works the troops on the south and Barlow's Brigade, of the Eleventh, was nt or | gave way, but the troops north of the Plank mear the "Purmace," two miles away, and did | road held their position. When the Confederate not reach the scene until Jackson's men had troops took possession of the works they kept tore off the address been stopped. After the last volley and been their regimental colors in the edge of the timber, from the letter and fired, tien. Sickles rode up in year of the 154th | but one of the guides mounted the breastworks N. Y. (about all that was left of the brigade) with his flag and was killed. This was probaas they stood in the front line, and had just bly the Color bearer alluded to by Capt. Gragiven three times three over seeing the John- ham. Gen. Hancock was on the Plank road mies recoil. Sickles dushed up in advance of just to the left of Hofmann's (or Rice's) Brihis troops, and in his well-known cheering gade, and ordered him to charge the works. some said: "Well done, boys; hold them 10 This was executed by a left oblique, and the minutes more and I will have 10,000 men here | onemy, not being supported, was driven out, to help you, who don't know anything but and made no subsequent effort to obtain pes session of that part of the line. Rice's Brigade In view of the facts in the case, is it not held these works until the next day, and the

I have no word of pleading for the living. not see them. No doubt they were doing their | Cav. - C. S. SARGENT, Caldwell, O. They who so galiantly helped to stem the tide | duty nobly wherever they were, but they had of disaster in that sweeping charge are content | no more to do with the capture of the works at | became the 1st Cav.; the 2d | leaders estimated the force under Burnside, to but for the sake of the memory of those brave claimed by the Second, Fifth and Ninth Corps, the 5th Cav. Co.'s D. H. I and K. 3d Cav., are complish anything with much, if any, less than boys who fell defending the old flag under the and I suppose some claimant will soon appear stationed at Fort Sam Houston, Tex.; Co. A, an equal force is not apparent. "white crescent badge," let the facts of history from the Sixth. The honor belongs to the Sec- at Eagle Pass, Tex.; Co. G, at Fort McIntosh, be known, glist no cloud may dim the luster of oud Brigade, Wadsworth's Division, Fifth Tex.; Co. E. at Camp Pena, Colorado, Tex.; Co. | consideration, as that arm was not engaged in their herosam. - C. W. McKay, Fergus Falls, Corps. - D. J. Dickson, Captain and Aid-de- C, at Fort Binggold, Tex.; Co. B, at Fort Brown, Camp to Gen. Hofmann, Marshall, Mo.

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ADVANCE ON CORINTH.

An Iowa Major's Opinion of Gen. Halleck.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: I have been

Wo did not like to be called such hard names, | moted to the rank of General at one jump, who | both a hero and a benefactor.

ion was thrown into hopeless disorder and folded back onto Schutz, whose regiments were Hazon's Brigade ever got sick by eating bread was useless to a man when he really confronted Hancock and Gen. McDowell were on Clarke's

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The Bicks Family in War and Peace.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: So modest is our claim to a soldier record of note that I fear, when it is stated, some better-informed member of the family will "rise in his place" and object. The Eaton family, the Hunterson family, the Asa Quinu family, are all so full of soldier-boy" record, that our claim to a patconsidered but a piece of presumption and laughed at as an idle tale; yet it is a true bill.

of the Atlantic. Members of it (its various of the Army of the Potomac. branches) have figured more or less conspicuously in all the wars and peace commissions known to the records (and some not known) for centuries past. Members of this family have marched and fought under every flag record, in some instances, may not be as orthofought bravely on every bloody field known to the record of '61 and '65. The boys didn't all answer to the Hicks name, but were, all the

same, members of the family. We trace our family in successive steps back Adam and Eve, whose home for a little while was in a garden-Eden, famous in verse and nized power and authority, whose call was "in little blurred and mixed here and there, but it is nevertheless valuable as a record of the

For a fuller expose of the Hicks family ancestry, the wars figured in, also present condition, we refer you to the published and unpublished records of the family-the human 7th Ohio, First Sergeaut, Co. B, 5th Ohio, Spring Mills, Pa.

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FOUND ON A BATTLEFIELD. Two Photographs Taken from the Encpeack of a Dead Soldier.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: In conversation with O. S. Kinnear, Co. C, 83d Pa., a few days since, he related an incident of the battlefield near Boydton plank road, Va., of seeing a man killed, and picking from (which also killed the soldier), an envelope and letter; he brought the photos, unmounted, to

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to some comrade's family. The soldier father possibly sleeps in an "unknown grave" near where he fell, Comrade Kinnear gave the following account: "These pictures

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me, which I inclose to

haps they may belong

circled Jackson's attack." That state belonging to different regiments in the brigade, the last of March, 1865. The soldier belonged

sticking out, stooped down and picked up one, and it contained two photos, not mountplaced it with the photos in my memorandum-book, intending to send them to

the writer, but in some way lost the address, -John L. Wells, Co. F, 111th Pa., Eric Pa.

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____ The Regular Cavalry.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: Please inform me what was the regimental number during should be dropped, and in its place the memory consulted "Lossing" or "Swinton" about it, the war of the following regiments, and where of those who so nobly feil doing their duty be but have told simply what came under my the former regiment of mounted riflemen is talions of infantry under his command, exclustationed now: 1st Dragoons, 2d Dragoons, sive of artillery and cavalry, and it is fair to

Tex.—EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE.]

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THE OLD ARMY.

Gen. Bragg One of the Best Officers in the Service.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE! The recollecrecent issue a blast from one of Hazen's old | reading Gen. Pope's "War Reminiscences" with | tions of Gen. Pope are very interesting reading, brigade about foraging down in East Ten- considerable pleasure, and one can almost name and the description of the characters and nessee, which mentions the fact that the 1st Ohio was called the "walking smokehouse," traits of character he ascribes to them. I am during the late war are very fair and just and and he wonders if any of the 1st Ohio boys not satisfied, however, with the easy manner fully borne out by history. But his descriptemembers this time. I for one remember it in which he lets Gen. Halleck down in his tion of Braxton Bragg's character is overdrawn; very distinctly, and I remember having a good | management of the campaign about Corinth, | indeed, he might just as well have said that he sized ham to tote to camp myself, and I tell after the battle of Shiloh. He says: "The was a fiend in human shape, or a devil incaryou there was a good smell in the camp of the list Ohio that night of ham-fat frying in the pan. And didn't we enjoy it, after being so

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIMENE: I have just long on short rations in Chattanooga?

There was one little incident attached to this grand army under the command of Gen. Haling and too strict a disciplinarian is true, but may that I have been highly entertained. That makes me remember it so well. It is this: lock who were advancing on Corinth? These | that he was gentlemanly to his brother officers Comrade Buell tells his story well, and in the As Comrade Crowell states, the 1st Ohio was in men were the flower of the Northern and Bor- and also to his men who attended strictly to main very correctly. But there are one or two mistakes, not intentional, of course, but never the lead that day, and of course got there first service, but from a spirit of patriotism and love his control were more afraid of him than his Theless calculated to do injustice to comrades had the first choice, which was the first they of the old flag. Many of them had left homes men, and when in command of a post, whoever whose record will compare tayorably with the came to, so that the head of the regiment did | where plenty reigned, and probably had never | happened to be Officer of the Day had better bravest of the brave, and I am convinced that not get down to where the hams were. At any | done a day's work in their lives. To be put | not play billiards too long or go to bed too

too good a sitizen to wish to do injustice to the hams. There was one of the boys from the ing up huge intrenchments in inclement | He had but one quarrel that I know of, and 5th Ky., or better known in the brigade as the weather, it would be putting it mildly to say that was with Lieut. Col. Morrisson, of the 7th U. S. Inf., who was in command of four com-Eleventh Corps at Chancellorsville. The com- tell you-charged in with us and managed to I believe that had we not been entirely inex- panies of his regiment at Fort Gibson, when perienced in the modes of warfare, the whole | we arrived there in the Fall of 1853. Said ommand would have rebelled against such | Morrisson required a detail from our battery it, but he falls into the common error of taking they would not take, as I have known them to useless labor. Imagine what would have hap- daily for garrison guard; to which Bragg obit for granted, without investigation, that be even take the rebel breastworks, and one fellow pened had the same labor been imposed on us jected, he claiming his men had guard duties cause a part of the Eleventh Corps was sur- took his rebel brother prisoner. But this was in 1864 or 1865, under the same circumstances, enough to do when doing the necessary stable prised, outflanked, almost surrounded and not the fellow at all, for this one only took a of course; as I do not mean to imply that the guarding. But the quarrel didn't last long. driven from the field like a flock of sheep, that ham, and was marching along with it when boys would not throw up intrenchments when Bragg wrote to his friend Jeff Davis, who was necessary. Commanding Generals in 1562 then Secretary of War, for permission to comcould not be expected to do as the same officers | mand his own company, and Jeff granted it did in 1864 and 1865. But what excuse can be forthwith. There was rejoicing in Battery C, soldiers. Give a dog a bad name and you know get out of this and go with the 1st Ohio; I offered for a General commanding an army, who because we didn't have to mount guard any the result; everyone is ready to throw a stone of this and go with the "Dough boys," and Bragg's eral in 1861, not a Captain or Lieutenant pro-

the 1st Ohio) on account of his red head, what | would no doubt have scattered the army under | didn't try to stop drunkenness. At Jefferson hogshead near the river bank, under which hogshead we had to stand preparatory to a measure I suppose. Well, all men getting took long to accomplish. The remedy was 'probatim est," and it saved the Coporal of the

Jefferson Barracks was then headquarters of the 6th U. S. Inf., also of the Department of

In June, 1854, our battery was ordered to Fort Washita, Chickasaw Nation, where we were stationed with Light Battery M, 2d U. S. Art., Capt. and Brevet-Maj. Henry J. Hunt commanding battery, till December, 1856. At this fort we had splendid times. Our battery here cultivated about 18 acres of land, from which we raised lots of everything for our tables. Our pork we traded off for Texas beef, of which we got four pounds for one pound of pork. Indeed, we lived here like well-to-do citizens in a civilized country. Bragg commanded the post until his resignation, when it devolved on Maj. Hunt. Bragg and Hunt were always on the best of terms. Hunt was an officer and a gentleman in all that the term implies, and I take pride to this day in knowing that be proved of inestimable service to our cause The Hicks family is known on both sides by having been the efficient Chief of Artillery

Among the officers who served with our battery here were Gen. Joseph J. Reynolds, who commanded a division in the Army of the Cumberland; Ass't Adj't-Gen. Chauncey McKeever, of Washington, D. C., and Brig. Gen. H. G. Gibson, now the Colonel of the 3d every question that ever agitated the public then. The only officer that I became acquainted danger at all, what had caused it, and also that mind; in every naval battle we were there, with and who turned rebel, besides Bragg, was became Gen. Lee's Military Secretary, I be-

Both batteries received orders December, Stars and Stripes and the Stars and Bars; we 1856, from Jeff Davis to proceed via Fort Smith, the Arkansas and Mississippi Rivers to New Orleans, from thence to Fortress Monroe, for a school of artillery practice, and to turn over our batteries at the Little Rock Arsenal; and I have often thought since, that Jeff Davis to a couple famous in history, and known as and his successor, Floyd, concluded that those batteries were in a most excellent place for their friends to get at in their contemplated prove; but were driven out of the garden for rebellion, and I more than once thought when an act of disobedience by a visitor of recog- the rebel batteries hailed us with their shot, shell and canister, that one of those very batthe cool of the day." The record may be a teries might be the one we were once so proud

On the resignation of Bragg, Capt. and Brevet Maj. John F. Reynolds, the commander of the First Corps, who laid down his life at Gettysburg July 1, 1863, became, through Bragg's influence with Jeff Davis, Captain of our battery. The announcement was hailed family.-Rev. Owen HICKS, Drummer, Co. C. with delight by the old vets, Reynolds having been one of the Lieutenants under Bragg in Mexico. They knew and believed in him. In their estimation, any other choice of a Captain would have been an insult to each member of Bragg's battery. The vets claimed that Reynolds could drill a battery as well as Bragg, which the non-vets doubted very much. As Reynolds was on a detail of officers at Fortress Monroe, engaged with ordnance and artillery matters, he did not take charge of the battery. Subalterus commanded it the last year of my

We were at Fortress Monroe like a lot of peacocks minus their tails, for our glory had departed when the battery had been turned in at Little Rock. We drilled at the Columbiads up on the parapets. It was nothing but the monotonous two, three, four, in battery and from battery, which whole drill can be learnt by any --- fool in one hour. Just imagine a man to have to do it for nine or 10 months steady, five days a week. And this kind of business was called a "school of practice" by Jeff Davis, who ought to have been hung for getting us into that misery, if for nothing else. Out of the eight batteries then in the United States service, ours was conceded to be the best drilled, and Bragg the ablest artillery officer. were taken from a sol- We had men in the battery who had served an dier's knapsack (torn | enlistment in Thomas Sherman's battery (E), open by a shell) who 3d Art.; also one from O'Brien's battery (B). was killed a few min. 4th Art., the Cannoncer's idolized battery, utes before on the bat- who freely gave in that Bragg excelled as a on plank road, Va., about drillmaster. I followed the story of the Cannoneer with intense interest, regretting that I could not have been in that or some other good battery during the war instead of having served in an infantry regiment.-John M. GEISSLER, Corporal, Battery C, 3d Art., and Private, Co. F, 4th Minn., Twin Lakes, Minn,

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The Forces at Knoxville. EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: 1. How many

men did Longstreet have at Knoxville, Tenn., at the time he had Gen. Burnside surrounded? DAVID BELLON, Olivet, S. D. [Answer.-Burnside estimated the Union

force at 12,000 effective men and officers. And in the official return for Nov. 30, 1863-made during the progress of the siege-the force present for duty at Knoxville is officially stated at 11,952 infantry and artilley. Gen. Burnside estimated the besieging force at 20,000 to 23,000

There is no Confederate official return on file showing their forces engaged in the Knoxville campaign. In his official report Gen. Longstreet says he was to have a force of 20,000 for his East Tennessee operations. It does appear officially, however, that there were 52 regiments and bat-As to Leasure's and Carroll's Brigades, I did Regiment of Mounted Riflemen, 1st Cav., 2d assume that he had fully 20,000 men in line in his attacks on Knoxville. Some writers place [Answer.-On Aug. 3, 1861, the 1st Dragoons | the figures much higher. The Confederate

> The cavalry on either side is not taken into the actual siege operations .- EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE.]

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PICKET SHOTS

From Alert Comrades All Along the

Information Asked and Given.

F. D. Reid, Oskaloosa, Iowa, says that if William Cleor, Co. H, 79th Ohio, will write to him he will learn some very important news, Henry Oliver, Tacoma, Wash., wishes to inform his friends of the 1st battalion, 13th U.S., that he has recently removed to the above O. F. Ober, Co. F. 30th Iowa, Chloride, N. M.,

wishes his comrades to know of his where-

Hiram Richardson, Neeley's Landing, Mo.,

says he would like to know if there was a regiment called "the Dirty Second." He would like to have some comrade who resides in Brooklyn, N. Y., and who knows David Richardson, to inform him of the fact. He wonders what has become of the 32d Ind., as he sees nothing in the columns of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE

from any member of that regiment.

Confederate bills to give away. He received 1,800 letters replying to his offer to furnish Alex. Cochran, Milan, Mo., wants information of one S. C. Hutchinson, Treasurer of Sullivan

Alonzo Jackson, Christiansburg, Va., wishes

to say to the comrades that he has no more

County, who recently stole \$33,000 and ran away. The writer and six other comrades were Henry Herkes, Bellevue, Iowa, wishes to know where he can find cultivated basket willows, and would be obliged for the address of

the willow-growers. Samuel B. Hurlburt, Co. G. 9th Iowa, Lake Jessup, Fla., wants information of Miss Phoebe Adams, who presented his regiment with a beautiful stand of colors at Helena, Ark. Phil. F. Davis, 705 College street, Springfield, Mo., Co. A, Fremont's Body Guard, says: "I would let the boys that belonged to Fremont's Eody Guard, under command of Maj. Zagonyi, know that I have procured photographs of the burial of those killed in Zagonyi's 'ride to death,' and I have them for sale at a small price. I was one of the Guard that 'rode the ride to death.""

N. S. Fales, Thomaston, Me., referring to the nquiry some time ago for one Charles West, formerly of Springfield, Ill., says that if the person making the inquiry will communicate with him he thinks he can give him the desired

C. F. Kimmel, 72 High street, Dayton, O., wants the Adjutant-Generals' reports of Penn-sylvania, New York, Vermont, Massachusetts and Connecticut for any year. He will pay for

Milton G. Wiggins, Co. E, 11th Iowa, Dow ity, Iowa, says: "There is an old soldier buried in our cemetery named Percy Schofield, of some New York regiment. If any comrade can tell what company and regiment he was a member of, will confer a great favor."

Lost and Found,

B. F. Owen, Steel's Depot, Ala., would like to hear from Fred Mather, whom he assisted to get his sword, which was in the possession of J. J. Edmondson some time ago. He says he has a badge belonging to a member of the drum corps of Co. C, 68th N. Y., which was left with him by a Mr. S. H. Adams when he was a citizen of Bridgeport, Ala., to fix for him. He would be glad to return it to the owner.

J. E. Cox, Ashland, Ore., loaned a comrade a duplex silver watch at Holly Springs, Miss., at the time the attack was made on that place. It finally reached the hands of the Colonel of a manded the Third Division, of the Fifteenth Wisconsin regiment. He has the receipt from | Corps. He belonged to that division from Atthe Colonel, and would like to recover the lanta to the close of the war, and before that

C. Porter, Co. C, 11th Vt., Grinnell, Iowa, has a photograph which was taken from a letter, Third Division, that came from some point in Massachusetts, at Berksville Junction, in April, 1865. The Kan., says that W. H. McMahon, 98th Ohio, is picture is of a young man of 16 or 17. His mistaken when he says the 98th Ohio lost at hair is rather long, parted to the right, and he | Kenesaw Mountain a Col. Shane. Col. John S. wears a soldier's dress-coat, the two top buttons | Pearce commanded that regiment the last 18 of which are buttoned; around his neck is a months of the war, and was in command at light tie. On the back of the picture are the Konesaw Mountain. He was neither wounded words, "Copy by wire, 104 Main street, Mil- nor killed. He was severely wounded at Ben-

Harry W. Hicks, Co. M, 15th Kan. Cav., Vale, living at Cadiz, O., and was recently elected Ore., would like to find his discharge, which | Judge of the Common Pleas Court at that he left with Louis, Daniels & Prindle, lawyers, | place or that district. in Kansas City in 1865, He needs the discharge now to assist in getting a pension. THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE has two letters for

one Clinton Huber, Co. A. 7th Cal. Comments and Corrections,

tell more about what they did.

Amos T. Fisher, Co. F. 17th Pa. Cav., Nova, O., corrects Comrade L. R. Thompson, Co. F. 26th Ill., in the statement that on July 28, command of the Cavalry Corps of the Army of the Potomac at that time. He took command Sherman's line that Comrade Thompson meant. Wesley McCallister, Co. G, 7th H. Chv., Comrade Berger, of the 2d Iowa Cav., and

of the regiments that formed the Second Brigade. He would be glad to hear from the other | date. regiments of the brigade, which, in his opinion, was not excelled for bravery and dicipline. G. M. Butterfield, Sergeant, Co. K. 31st Me., Springfield, Me., has read the article of Comrade George M. Buch, Co. C, 20th Mich., who gives has been in Adams County heating the comall the credit for the capture of Fort Mahone to | rades and other people in various ways. He the First Brigade, First Division, Ninth Corps, | is a deadbeat. He admits that they did some of the finest work there, but the services of the Second Bri- let his old comrades of Co. I, 12th Ill., know gade, Second Division, cannot be ignored. The | where he is. Down his way there is no G.A.R. brigade broke camp early in the morning of Post, and he has to keep quiet about his polities, April 2, and after preliminary movements found or he will get into trouble. They don't appreitself in solid column in front of Fort Mahone, ciate Yankees down that way, and at the signal charged and entered the fort.

lost, as well as many men. their faces, and then threw it down and yelled, Did they ever come down? "I surrender!" But L. L. Smith, of Co. K. remarked, "Too late, my love," and stuck him with his bayonet.

F. F. Goff, Lieutenant, Battery G. 1st N. Y. L. A., Walnut Grove, Minn., says there was plenty of work for all of the batteries in the Peach Orchard, and he believed all did good service. There were batteries to the right and left of his battery, which went into position July 2 at 1 p. m., and all were heavily engaged with batteries in front and on the right and things. left fronts. About 6 p. m., having expended most of the ammunition, the batterymen were ordered to lie down, and in about 15 minutes they were relieved by the 5th U.S. Art. Josiah Stanley, Captain, Co. D, Sth Ind Cav., Climax Springs, Mo., says that the article of John T. Frederick, Co. C, 10th Ohio Cav., does 2. How many men did Baruside have at the a manifest injustice to one of the regiments time he was surrounded at Knoxville, Tenn ?- in the cavalry battle at Waynesboro, Ga. The 8th Ind. Cav. was in that battle, on the right of the road along the railway, and the writer had the honor of commanding the company that drove the enemy along the railroad and behind the fences and the brick-kiln that stood on the

> there, always waved. J. G. Vancamp, Co. A, 7th Iowa, Silver Lake, Kan., corrects Comrade Husey as to who com-

railroad. The old flag carried by the 39th

(8th Ind. Cav.) always got there, and when



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was in the Second Division, Sixteenth Corps. He insists that John M. Corse commanded the

W. W. Branson, Co. C. 98th Ohio, Cherokee, tonville, N. C. Col. John S. Pearce is still

Personal.

Fred Clapper, Co. H. 102d N. Y., Mexico, Mo. says he was wounded at the battle of Slaughter Mountain, and that he was placed under a tree by a kind Confederate soldier. Soon after the W. G. Drinkwater, Yarmouth, Me., was battle an Irishman who belonged to his compleased to see the article some time ago from | pany put him on a horse belonging to a Colonel Comrade De Sanno, of the U. S. S. New Iron- in a Penssylvania regiment, and saved his life. sides. He thinks that the blue-jackets should If it is possible, he would like to secure the address of the gallant Irishman and the brave Confederate,

B. Goodheart, Loudoun Rangers, Knozville, Tenn., was taken prisoner at Charlestown, W. 1864, in front of Atlanta, Hood's forces tried to | Va., Oct. 18, 1860, confined in Pemberton break through Sheridan's line. Sheridan had Prison two weeks, and taken to Belle Isle, where he remained for six months. During that terrible cold Winter of 1863 and '64, his sometime in May, 1864, and it was of course | feet were very badly frozen, and he partly lost the use of one side, which did not return for nearly one year after being exchanged. Of the Emma, Ill., was on the Smith raid spoken of by 18 of his regiment that were taken there at that time, 14 of them died, starved and frozen thinks his description a very good one, although | to death. He would like to hear from any who he omitted to mention the 7th Ill. Cav. as one | were there at that time, and from anyone who knows of a history of Belle Isle covering that

A. W. Howard, Co. H. 57th N. Y., Seven Stars, Pa., warns the commades of one William D. Bishop, 3d N. Y. Cav. and a member of Henry Judd Post, 421, Department of New York, who

John Willett, Purvis, Miss., drops a line to

Judge S. Klinefelter, 1901 North Broadway, The fighting was hot, and several officers were | St. Louis, recently saw the name of George V. Marshall, Hampton's (Pa.) light artillery, in J. M. Paull, Co. K, 39th Ohio, Sacramento, | the paper. Just before the battle of Chancel-Cal., says to Comrade Bradley that he is quite | lorsville George bought a dozen codfish. He correct in regard to the charge made July 4, | cooked one and strapped 11 on a limber-chest. 1864, on the rebel works at Nickajack Creek. On Sunday morning, in the heat of the battle Col. Edward F. Noyes, of the 39th, lost his leg of Chancellorsville, several of the battery's just before the rebel line was reached. As the | limber-chests were blown up, among them the Yanks, with the writer, clambored over the limber-chest with the codfish. They went works a long-haired cass emptied his gun in | sailing round and round, away up in the air.

Why Don't They Write? John S. Booth, Co. C. 144th N. Y., Glen Elder, Kan., would like to hear from some of the members of his regiment who were in Fort Seward

S. C., in 1864. J. F. Bistline, Pickert, N. D., Co. M. 7th Pa. Cav., wants the boys of his regiment to wake up. They should not be ashamed of their record, and they can tell lots of interesting John J. Sturman, Edmond, Oklahoma Ter.,

wonders why the old boys of Co. F. 4th Iowa, do not write more to THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE. T. J. Wright, Normal, Ill., Co. F. 38th 111. has seen nothing from the old 38th lately. It was at Chickamauga, and lost heavily. On the first day Maj. Gilmore was killed, as good a soldier as ever wore the blue. He wants to hear from some of the old boys.

adopt a soldier's daughter of 10 or 12 years. She can give the best of references, and wants ameone to tell her of such a child.

They Are Lonely.

Mrs. M. Mackey, Brenneman, Pa., wishes to

John Herron, Robinson Creek, Ill., wishes to

correspond with some soldier's widow or daugh-

ter with a view to matrimony. He is 45 years old, and is drawing a pension. Frank H. Foote, Port Gibson, Miss., thinks Charles W. Ware, of the 39th Ill., in his article about the capture of Fort Gregg, is correct as far as his claim that his regimental flag was the first that was planted on the ramparts of Fort

Gregg. His description was in keeping with the writer's recollection of the affair. Otis P. Henry, Co. B, 116th Ohio, Maple Grove, Minn., says that Fort Gregg was the worst taken fort of the war, and any regiment that did not take it is out of luck. He did not take it until the morning of April 3, but planted his little flag there then. He was shot in the afternoon of the 2d, about 100 yards from the fort, or he would have had his flag there first. From the number of regiments that took the fort, the few Johnnies inside must have been awfully hard-worked men.

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